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May 17, 2013

The Honorable Dan Patrick
Chairman Senate Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 3S.3
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Chairman Patrick:

This correspondence is written as follow-up to the May 17, 2013, meeting with you, Senator Robert Duncan, and representatives of the Texas Education Service Center Curriculum Collaborative (TESCCC), including Dr. Kyle Wargo, Executive Director Region 17 and Mason Moses, Public Information Officer. The TESCCC agrees to eliminate all lessons contained within the CSCOPE curriculum management system, and no additional lessons will be developed within CSCOPE, within any other curriculum system developed by a regional education service center (ESC), acting alone or in collaboration with one or more other ESCs, or through a third party contract with an ESC. This action item will be placed on the agenda for the upcoming meeting of the TESCCC, scheduled for Friday, May 24, 2013. The agenda will be able to be viewed publicly on the Secretary of State's website.

The annual license agreement between supporting ESCs and participating school districts automatically renews unless TESCCC (or the district) provides at least 90-days notice that it intends to terminate the agreement. Due to this provision, we will be providing the required notice to all participating school districts, stating that as of August 31, 2013, CSCOPE lessons will be removed from both the user and public CSCOPE websites. All electronic and hard copies of CSCOPE lessons maintained at each ESC and the state office will be destroyed. Following the dissolution of the TESCCC on May 24, 2013, the newly formed shared service arrangement Governing Board will discuss reducing the licensing fee for school districts to access other components of the CSCOPE curriculum management system, as the scope of services provided to school districts will have changed. Please be assured that the TESCCC will dissolve the 501(c)(3), and meetings of the Governing Board will be held in accordance with the Texas Public Open Meetings Act after the dissolution.

Furthermore, we request that you and Senator Duncan assist in the passage of HB 1675 (Bonnen/Nichols) as it relates to ESCs and the 2019 Sunset date. It is our understanding that once these steps are taken, no additional actions will be required or expected of the TESCCC by your office or the State Board of Education (SBOE). As discussed during our meeting, we want to inform you that since instructional lessons will no longer be part of CSCOPE, the current collaborative lesson review process between the SBOE and the TESCCC will cease. We further request that if issues arise anytime related to CSCOPE, that we will be provided the opportunity to meet with you to answer questions and address potential concerns.

If this letter reflects our mutual understanding, we propose issuing a public statement of the TESCCC's intent to eliminate all lessons contained within the CSCOPE curriculum management system. It is our request that language be included that reflect that the TESCCC has fully cooperated with your office, that CSCOPE will be a better product moving forward, and it will continue to operate openly. This statement would be issued on Monday, May 20, 2013, or at another time mutually agreed upon by your office and the TESCCC.

Senator Patrick, we would like to thank you for your guidance and leadership in helping resolve these issues and we look forward to a continued positive working relationship with the Texas Legislature. We request that you please inform us, as soon as possible, if you notice that there is anything that we inadvertently omitted or misunderstood. Again, the TESCCC is appreciative for your work on this issue and your work on behalf of Texas public education.

Respectfully,


TESCCC Governing Board Members
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cc The Honorable Robert Duncan
 Texas Senate District 28

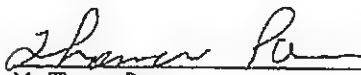
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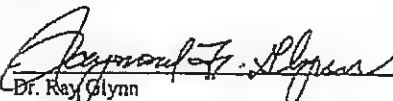
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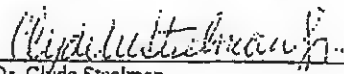

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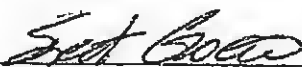

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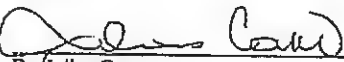

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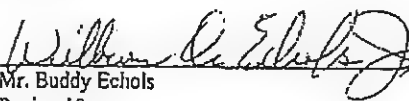

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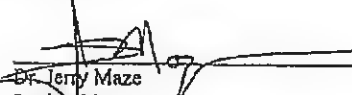

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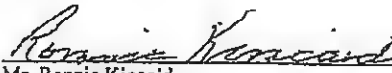

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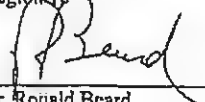

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